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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37CFR 1.114

This is a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of:

Application Ser. No.: 09/910,809;

Filed: July 24, 2001;

Entitled: Protective element particularly for cycling shorts;

Prior Application Examiner: HOEY, ALISSA L;

Art Unit: 3765.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the final Office action dated March 5, 2004 in the above-identified application for two months from June 5, 2004 to August 5, 2004. Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 210.00 (fee code 2252) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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